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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER STANDS UP TO TROTSKYITES' ATTACK ON U.S.

NAVAL SHIP VISITS

1. REPLYING TO QUESTION BY TROTSKYITE M.P. (AND FORMER PLANTATION INDUSTRIES MINISTER), COLVIN R. DE SILVA, PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE TOLD NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 4 THAT THERE WAS "NOTHING INCOMPATIBLE WITH INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) DECLARATION AND FOREIGN WARSHIP, INCLUDING THAT OF GREAT POWERS, VISITING SRI LANKA PORTS FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST ANY COASTAL OR HINTERLAND STATE OF INDIAN OCEAN, PROVIDED ALSO, THAT VISITS ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY BASE FACILITIES FOR THESE VESSELS IN SRI LANKA".

2. AFTER QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM UN RESOLUTION ON DECLARATION OF IOPZ, PM STATED THAT VISITS OF TWO AMERICAN VESSELS (USS TURNER JOY AND USNS MISPELLION, OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 3) WERE ROUTINE AND VISIT OF THIRD  
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(USS WORDEN DURING SAME PERIOD) WAS FOR SPECIFIC

PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING AMBASSADOR FOR MALDIVES VISIT. MRS. BANDARANAIKE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS VESSELS DID NOT CONSTITUTE THREAT TO SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SRI LANKA, THEIR VISIT DOES NOT RUN COUNTER TO IOPZ OR RECENT LIMA RESOLUTION OF NON-ALIGNED STATES ON INDIAN OCEAN.

3. PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY INCLUDED FIGURES OF FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS' VISITS IN PAST FIVE YEARS WHICH SHOWED 128 VISITS FROM 12 COUNTRIES WITH TOP THREE BEING U. S. WITH 29 FOLLOWED BY BRITAIN AND USSR WITH 24 AND 22 RESPECTIVELY. PM ALSO NOTED THAT SRI LANKA NAVY SAID IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO VISITS AND THAT "AS FAR AS NAVY IS AWARE THEY (AMERICAN SHIPS) DO NOT HAVE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY."

4. QUESTION AND ANSWER FOLLOWED PRESS CAMPAIGN IN TROTSKYITE LANKA SAMA SAMAJA PARTY'S DAILY NEWSPAPER JANADINA WHICH CRITICIZED GSL FOR ALLOWING VISITS. JANADINA ARGUED THAT VISITS WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH IOPZ DECLARATION AND WARNED OF THREAT TO LITTORAL COUNTIES POSED BY U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, ESPECIALLY U.S. PLANS TO EXPAND DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES. VAN HOLLEN

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